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Applicant : C. Sumian
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Filed : July 21, 2000
For : ENHANCING COMPOUND PENETRATION INTO AND
THROUGH HAIR FOLLICLES
Examiner : R. Dewitty
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001, having a shortened three-month statutory period for response which expired September 5, 2001, we have attached a petition to extend the reply time. We request that you please accept the following remarks as to the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (amended) A method for enhancing compound/drug penetration into hair follicles on body areas of animals and [or] humans, comprising the steps of:
 - a. applying topically a swellable composition to said body areas; [and]